

ONE-MAN TEAM PROVES A POOR SECOND WHEN THE STAR FAILS TO DELIVER THE GOODS

BRILLIANT STARS DO NOT ALWAYS SHINE IN BIG GAMES, PROVING THAT ONE-MAN TEAM IDEA IS WRONG

Too Much Dependence Is Placed on Single Player, and When He Fails the Others Lose Confidence. Oliphant Failed Against Notre Dame

IT WILL be recalled without much effort that Walter Johnson, the best pitcher in the American League, has been unable to make a pennant winner out of the Washington club. Also, while the recollecting is good, we find that Grover Cleveland Alexander, premier twirler of the National League, failed to shove the Phillies into the world series in the last two years. These two cases are cited not to revive the baseball season, but to show in a way just how important an individual star is to a team.

A player must have ability to stand out above the others, but it must be remembered that the other men on the team make it possible for a star to shine. For example, Oliphant made some brilliant open-field runs last year, but McEwan always ran ahead and knocked off the tacklers. Berry has made some brilliant runs, but what could he do without the support of the other players? McLaren is the greatest planning fullback in the country, but without a strong line to open holes for him he would find it difficult to gain ground.

In the olden days it was customary to build a team around one man. Andy Smith, Bill Hollenback, Roy Mercer and others at Penn were the pivots, and Ted Coy, Ned Mahan and Charley Barrett were other examples. These men seemed to be the principal attack of their teams, but, as was said before, they were aided by the other ten men on their side.

A WELL-BALANCED team, without any particular shining light, always will beat a team with one or two well-advertised players. The reason for this is that the stars are watched closely, while the other men are allowed to get away. We remember one Penn-Michigan game when Johnny Garrels was the star of the Wolverines. Penn watched Garrels from the start, sent two and three men at him each time and when he was stopped the Red and Blue won the game. Too much dependence was placed on one man, and it has been proved repeatedly that the system is all wrong.

Despite Oliphant's Good Playing the Army Lost to Notre Dame

OLIPHANT starred in every game played by the Army this fall and his teammates began to believe he was invincible. Every time they got into a hole Oliphant was called upon to deliver, and he made good. But there's many a slip in a football season and West Point found this to be true last Saturday. Notre Dame had a good team and it stopped the sturdy fullback. This demoralized the Soldiers to a certain extent and took away some of their confidence. As a result the westerners won by a small score.

It is difficult to get a good field general. Quarterbacks these days can call the signals beautifully, but seldom do they hit on the proper plays. After studying their work we are led to believe that they give the plays they remember, regardless of their effect. One day a quarterback gave the signal for a fake place kick when his team was on its own 15-yard line, and seemed surprised when it was smeared. Now when a star is on the team, the quarterback gets into the habit of calling on him for almost every other play. He gets the idea that the one man is the only ground runner and unconsciously builds his attack around him. Then when the opposing team smother the good player the man calling the signals is through. He can't think of any one else to carry the ball and all of the confidence oozes out of him.

George McLaren is the star of the Pitt team because he can crash into the line, keep his feet and squirm through for gains ranging from three to fifteen yards. He always is good for a couple of yards in a pinch; but if he is stopped, Warner's men will lose 50 per cent of their strength.

WE ARE not opposed to having good players on a team. That is not the idea. We believe, however, that too much confidence should not be placed on one or two men in the big games. There are eleven men on each team, and those players, if they do the work they are supposed to do, will come mighty close to winning all of the battles. A smoothly running machine is more effective than an attack and defense which is dominated by one man.

Georgia Tech Has Something to Say About Her Football Team

WHEN we printed Coach Rafferty's opinion of the Georgia Tech team last week following its victory over Washington and Lee, it started something below the Mason and Dixon line. Rafferty's views did not take very well, and it was claimed that he was a poor loser. This is a wrong impression, and in justice to the Washington and Lee coach, it should be corrected.

In the first place, Mr. Rafferty only gave his own opinion after watching Tech defeat his own team by the score of 63 to 0. He said there were many elevens in the North that could defeat the Southerners, but that does not mean it could be done. It was only one man's opinion, and others may think differently. At any rate, it took considerable nerve on Rafferty's part to admit that Georgia Tech was not so good as she was cracked up to be. Another coach probably would have praised the victorious team to the skies and say that his team was beaten by the score of 63 to 0 because it went up against the greatest eleven in the world. Mr. Rafferty frankly admits the weakness of his team and has a perfect right to state his views. Because he says Tech is not a very good team does not mean that he is divulging a terrible secret and Georgia is getting by on an inflated reputation. We know such is not the case and, anyway, difference in opinion happens even in the best regulated of families. Georgia should not feel offended if some one criticizes her team. Criticism cannot spoil the splendid record she is making.

The Tech team, with the exception of Guyon, is composed of native Georgians. Guyon comes from New Mexico. Eleven members of the football squad are under military age, three have been rejected and five others plan to join the colors after the football season is over. Of last year's squad twenty-two men are in the service of Uncle Sam, among them being twelve letter men. Two of the coaches, Clay and Alexander, also have joined the colors. Thus it can be seen that Georgia Tech is doing her bit this year and playing good football besides.

JOHN HEISMAN, the coach, is an old Penn man, and one of the best in the business. He is a thorough instructor and is said to make blue prints of all his plays, showing their development at various stages. The team jumped into prominence in the North when it walloped Penn, 41 to 0, and many of the fans would like to see Tech in action. And just because the Georgia team is famous, it is criticized. That's the answer.

Cornell Team Cannot Be Spoiled by the Draft

COACH AL SHARPE need have no fear of losing any of this year's varsity players through the draft. Without exception, Cornell has the youngest football team in years, and the average age should make her opponents feel ashamed of themselves. Ben Reuther at center and Ackerknecht at tackle are the only two members eligible for military duty. The latter was rejected because of poor eyesight and Reuther has not yet been called. Strauss at guard and Pendleton at fullback are the youngest men on the squad, being barely eighteen years old. Harris, a guard, and Herriman, tackle, are nineteen, and Van Horn, Hoffman and Nethercott, backs, and Colvin and Eisenbrandt, ends, are twenty years of age. The second string men average about the same, the oldest being twenty-one and the others from eighteen to twenty. It can be seen that Cornell has a youthful squad this year, but that is not all. The team is very light, only two men pushing the beam over the 200-pound mark; and they are on the second team. Eisenbrandt is the lightest man, with 148, and Nethercott, the speedy back, weighs but 149 pounds. The backfield averages 149 and the line about 175. No wonder Sharpe is having his troubles this year!

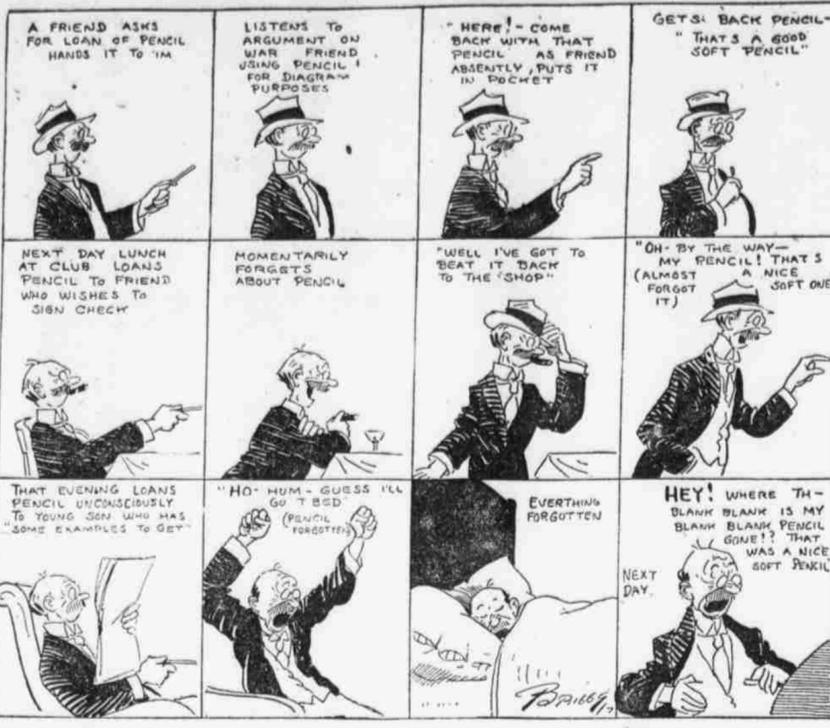
Harvard Coaches Are About to Be Turned Loose on Cruel World

FOOTBALL coaches at Harvard are not the only persons out of work this year. Three more men will feel the effect of the war on Crimson sports and are about to depart. They are William Haines, coach of the crew, and Hugh Duffy, the baseball coach. Haines has worked six weeks for so much a week, and now that rowing has been dropped there is no further need of keeping him. The freshmen are working on the machines, but there are several men at the boathouse who can assist the rowlocks. The same holds good for Duffy, but it is likely that he will be retained to coach the freshman baseball team if the varsity is not to be organized, and it will not if the war continues. It looks as if the athletic instructors would be free agents this year.

Once More the Football Rules Are Dragged In

AN ON-SIDE kick was tried in a game, writes J. C. S., "and after it rolled over the goal line without being touched, one of the outside men fell on the ball. The referee allowed a touchdown, and I don't think it was the proper ruling. J. C. S. certainly has a kick coming on that decision, wherever it was made. The rules say that a kicked ball, with the exception of a kickoff or a free kick, becomes a live ball as soon as it crosses the goal line, provided it has not been touched by a player. The touchdown should not have been allowed.

MOVIE OF A GOOD, SOFT LEAD PENCIL



COUNTRY CLUB OF LANSDOWNE WILL SEND CHRISTMAS GIFTS TO MEN IN SERVICE AND WILL FLY ITS FLAG

If Your Own Club Is Doing This, Let Us Know. Chick Evans Plays St. Louis Links in Low Figures

By PETER PUTTER

CHRISTMAS is coming, and so far as the fellows who play golf and who are now either in France or in cantonments are concerned, it is not going to be the Christmas of other years unless their fellow golfers get busy and make the time pleasant for them. More than a thousand Philadelphia golfers are in the service of the country.

The Country Club of Lansdowne proposes to make things pleasant for the men at the front. Fifteen of the members are now in service and five of those are already in France. The former treasurer, Charles Parker Boyd, is driving an ambulance as is Alex Crawford. The vice president, Frank H. Maguire, is captain of the aviation corps. Some of the men are at Camp Meade, others are at Allentown and some are down South.

So the members are going to see that every one of them gets a big box of smokes and other things for Christmas. In addition, the club will shortly swing to the breeze a service flag from the big flag pole near the locker house.

Probably other golf clubs are doing the same thing. But news of it has not yet trickled through to me. I shall be glad to make note of similar action on the part of any and every golf club in the Philadelphia district. If you have not the leisure to write, phone Walnut 3901 and ask for Peter Putter.

And if your club has done nothing for you think it is about time that it did? You send a pity that the men who have gone across should be forgotten by the fellows who have for any reason been obliged to stay at home. And every club ought to have that service flag flying from the flagpole.

Chick Evans is one of those very fine



The Hardest and Easiest Clubs

PROBABLY no subject is more generally debated whenever golfers gather for a "fanning bee" than which clubs are most difficult to master and which easiest.

No one can lay down any fixed dictum on this mooted golf point, for certainly some players take naturally to some clubs and call for others only after some hesitation. But there are some very interesting general views which I shall set down as I see them after some years of study and observation of golf and golfers here and abroad.

All of us have golf friends who have taken a fancy to some particular club perhaps because they feel and balance of views which I shall set down as I see them after some years of study and observation of golf and golfers here and abroad.

It appeals to them and they have made some good shots with it. That club is to them the easiest club to use because they have confidence in it. Believing in the club, they actually can get results from it. Let a player doubt a club and when using it his mind is likely centered on the doubt and not on the ball, with the result that the club does the worst he experienced. Several years ago I casually picked up a maul in a store, more to be doing something than with any idea of buying, as I was well supplied at the time. But the minute I gripped that club and got the feel of it I knew I had something I wanted. It just suited me. Why, I hardly know; but it did me great service till it finally went to golf club heaven and I've never ceased to mourn for it.

For most players probably the easiest golf shot is the drive. There are few players of any degree of expertise who cannot get pretty fair results in this department of golf. One reason for this probably is that the player is usually not bound down to so much accuracy as in other shots and hence gets more freedom and confidence into the play. Another is that he can hit as hard as he likes. Most authorities agree that the simplest shot is the putt, but that is far from saying that to be a good putter is simple. The number of really great putters golf has produced is surprisingly small. Of course, golf is a really popular sport in the States and Canada, is so comparatively young that there isn't much golf history to go back to for the names of illustrious putters, but

Bob Maxwell Will Cover Pitt-W. & J. Game Tomorrow

The football game between the University of Pittsburgh and Washington and Jefferson College in Pittsburgh tomorrow will be the most important gridiron battle staged in the East this fall. Both teams have gone through the season without defeat, and the victor will be in line to claim the championship. This important contest will be covered for the Evening Ledger by

Robert W. Maxwell Sports Editor of the Evening Ledger and noted football official, who will referee the game. Mr. Maxwell will also review the contest in the comment column on Monday.

PLAN CHANGES IN MINOR LEAGUES

Virtually Every One in Country Will Undergo Important Changes

HOLD MEETING NOV. 13

Just as certain as the Kaiser eventually will draw his unconditional release, the whole minor league baseball map of the United States is going to be redistricted when the annual meeting of the National Association of Professional Baseball Leagues occurs at Louisville, starting November 12.

Leagues which will undergo wholesale changes in the redistribution of territory are: American Association, Class AA, International League, Class AA, Pacific Coast League, Class AA, Western League, Class A, National Association, Class A, New York State League, Class B, Eastern League, Class B, Northwestern League, Class B, Western Association, Class D.

Other leagues, too, may undergo changes, but the above districts are the principal ones to be involved. The most radical change centers around the American Association and the International, and it is this change which will force supplementary changes in the Western and in which Omaha and Nebraska is largely interested.

Certain cities now in the American Association will band with certain other cities now occupying International territory. This is the rolling stone which will precipitate a real avalanche and shake the National Association to its roots. The whole complexion of the minor league map will be changed. The dope sheet calls for Indianapolis, Toledo, Columbus and Louisville, of the American Association, to link with Baltimore, Newark, Buffalo and Toronto, of the International, in a new league. This league, it is said, will eventually become a third major league. Minneapolis, St. Paul, Milwaukee and Kansas City will remain as a nucleus to a new American Association, or perhaps they will call it the Western League. To these four cities will be added Omaha, Des Moines, St. Joseph and perhaps Peoria. Or it is possible this will be a six-club league, with Peoria and St. Joseph out of it. Assignment of territory in this league is indefinite and will not be known until the meeting gets under way.

Of the International cities, Providence, it is said, is slated for a berth in the Eastern League. This league then will be advanced to Class A. Rochester will go to bolster up the faltering New York State League. Montreal will drop out of sight, as probably will Richmond.

The new Western Association will consist of Joplin, Wichita and Topeka, east of Western League territory, with Oklahoma City, Tulsa and other Western Association towns. This league probably would be advanced from Class D to Class B.

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GAMES BETWEEN ARMY AND NAVY AND MICHIGAN AND CHICAGO WILL NET WAR FUND AT LEAST \$150,000

Seems a Pity That the Powers That Be Have Frowned So Far on These Two Big Matches for Charity

By GRANTLAND RICE Ypres-Menin Road 1914-1917

A cloud of dust along the poplar'd road; A gray-green mist like sunrise o'er the slums; The rhythmic tread of countless marching feet, And—as I watch—the German army comes. File after file, rank upon rank, they pass, A never-ending fog of gun and lance, Down the white metalled highway from the North The conqueror pours his legions into France. Three years have passed, and on this very road Once more I hear the measured roll of drums; Again the gray-green columns moving North, And, in the South, the roar of friendly guns.

NO ONE is looking for any sport exploitation just at this juncture. No one is considering any championship. But when an event can be arranged whereby 20,000 or 40,000 persons will be willing to pay out \$100,000 for the cause of army equipment or other needs not covered by the set fund, that event should be very well worth while.

It would be easily possible to collect this amount from an Army-Navy game at the Polo Grounds. It would be possible to collect almost this amount by a Michigan-Chicago game in Chicago. As things go now, any amount of extra work is required by a large number of persons to collect even a portion of this total. It would seem, therefore, under the conditions now prevailing, that the two games might be arranged.

There will be those who may complain that any big football game just now would be in bad taste. Nothing that is honorable could be in bad taste now that might easily add \$10,000 to such a fund—a fund that could be used to purchase athletic equipment and also to provide smokes for the big American army now swinging into action.

A contemporary, as you might say, on a Berlin exchange, was a trifle loud in his uproarious merriment over the first batch of American troops captured. War, in this respect, is more than a lot like sport. The early huzzas as the season opens isn't always in evidence by July and August—and very rarely any part of it remains at the finish. And in either game the ultimate cackle is the only one that counts.

The Complete Roster If any one should ever glance through the roster of sport he could find an easy answer as to how many capable fighting men Uncle Sam can put into the field. This roster of sport, using an estimate, shows that at least 10,000,000 men between the ages of twenty and forty could be called on and that most of these have been trained and conditioned by some variety of games.

A few days ago we were talking with a major of infantry, now stationed at one of the camps for drafted men. He was astounded at the rapid development of the recruits and the quick way they picked up the new game. For most of this he gave credit to some sort of sport that had made not only for an increased physical development,

but also for a better knack in general at tackling a new game.

Say 8 Per Cent Many are called—but, after the call, How many keep their eyes on the ball? L. I. T. Re-editing an old adage, when they begin to look blacked, there is usually a flash of light on ahead. Not always—but the average is far beyond the best average of even Ty Cobb.

In behalf of a few scattered protestants there was no intention here to charge at winning football teams as bordering upon less service to the country. Brown and Michigan, among other winners, had very little old material to work with.

TRAPSHOOTERS IN CONFAB AT ANNUAL SESSION

NEW YORK, Nov. 8.—The Interstate Association for the Encouragement of Trapshooting opened its annual two-day meeting at the Hotel Astor yesterday. Men interested in the sport came from all over the United States to attend. The most important item disposed of was the election of officers. T. Hayes Keller, of New York, will fill the chair of president for the ensuing year, and Fowler Manning, of New Haven, will be the vice president. The post of secretary will be looked after by E. Reed Shaner, of Pittsburgh, Pa., and with the office of treasurer and manager.

The election of the elder Shaner happened to be his twenty-sixth in unbroken succession, and a complimentary dinner was tendered him last night by the members of the association. At the close of the festivities he was presented with a diamond-studded medal.

LOUIS H. JAFFE PROMOTED AFTER FOUR DAYS IN ARMY

It took just four days for Louis H. Jaffe, assistant sports editor of the Evening Ledger, to raise himself from the rank of private to that of a noncommissioned officer, according to a report from U. S. Meade. Jaffe has been promoted to a corporal, which shows that the young man made good from the start in his new undertaking.

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